

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2005.

Claims 1, 4-8, 10-16, 20-26 and 28-31 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 4-8, 10-16, 20-26 and 28-31. The present Response cancels claims 17-19 and amends claim 11, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1, 4-8, 10-16, 20-26, 28-31. Applicants request that the objection to claims 11 and 12 be removed in light of the above amendments. Applicants request that the objection to claims 17-19 be removed in light of the above cancellation of previously withdrawn claims.

I. OBJECTION TO CLAIMS

Claims 11, 12 and 17-19

The Examiner objected to claims 17-19, noting that "Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 11/07/2003" and therefore claims 17-19 should be canceled. Applicants request cancellation of claims 17-19.

Further, the Examiner objected to claims 11 and 12 "because of the following informalities: Claim 11 (line 9), 'said composite image' should be changed to --a composite image--. Claim 12 is objected as being dependent on claim 11." Applicants have amended claim 11 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants assert that claim 11 now provides proper antecedent basis for "composite image" and is no longer objectionable. Further, Applicants assert that claim 12 is no longer objectionable because it no longer depends from a claim that is objectionable.

Applicants believe that all objections to the claims have now been overcome.

II. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1, 4-8, 10-16, 20-26 and 28-31

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1, 4-8, 10-16, 20-26 and 28-31 are allowed.


III. CONCLUSION

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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